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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Processing

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FROM:

Chief, Production Division

SUBJECT: Audit Appraisal on Contract Information System, dated 8 August 1980

1. The Audit Appraisal on the Contract Information System (CONIF) stated that Production Division (PD) applied the updates to the CONIF data base irregularly. Also, Recommendation Number 6 says that PD should create and run the GAS/CONIF update each day.

2. The CONIF data base is updated daily on a regular basis by Production Division. The data is 24-hours old, but was planned that way. The only time the actual updating of the CONIF data base becomes irregular is when problems occur during the processing of GAS.

3. The GAS/CONIF update is created daily by the GAS job stream. The actual update to the CONIF data base is delayed 24 hours to ensure that the GAS data is good. The delay is necessary because Applications did not provide backout software if we found out later the data was bad. The only procedure we have to back bad data out is to restore the data base to the previous backup. Restoring is not a viable procedure as it would affect availability of the data base (restoring during prime time) and cause re-keying data. In our meetings with OL, OF and Applications in preparation to accepting the application into production, both OL and OF agreed to this 24-hour delay. This delay can be eliminated only if Applications provides software to backout individual days of GAS data.

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